

7. (Amended) A composition according to Claim 1, wherein said particulate polymer is formed from the residues of a monomer mixture comprising 70 - 95 wt% MMA, 5 - 30 wt% of a copolymerisable acrylic comonomer and 0.1 - 5 wt% of a comonomer which is capable of forming cross-linking within the polymer.

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8. (Amended) A composition according to Claim 1 which includes at least 1 wt% and less than 40 wt% of said particulate polymer.

9. (Amended) A composition according to Claim 1, wherein the particles of said particulate polymer are of a size such that they could pass through a 500 μ m sieve.

10. (Amended) A composition according to Claim 1, wherein at least 20 wt% of particles of said particulate polymer are between 60 (250 μ m) and 80 (177 μ m) mesh.

13. (Amended) A method according to Claim 11, wherein said melt-processable polymer and said particulate polymer are mixed by extrusion under conditions such that particles of said particulate polymer are broken down.

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14. (Amended) A method according to Claim 11, wherein said melt-processable polymer and said particulate polymer are not caused to chemically react during said mixing and/or extrusion.

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A³_{del} 15. (Amended) A method of forming an article which comprises shaping a melt-processable thermoplastic composition according to Claim 1 in order to form said article.

18. (Amended) A method according to Claim 15, wherein said composition is extruded or co-extruded.

A⁴ 19. (Amended) A method according to Claim 15, wherein said article includes a substrate and a capstock material wherein said capstock material comprises said melt-processable thermoplastic composition.

20. (Amended) A method according to Claim 15, wherein said article is a building component.

21. (Amended) A method according to Claim 15, wherein said article is a component for use in construction and is a co-extruded component comprising a substrate made of PVC, HIPS or ABS and said melt-processable thermoplastic material provided as a capstock thereon.

22. (Amended) A method according to Claim 15, wherein when a surface of the article formed of said thermoplastic composition is tested for impact resistance in accordance with ASTM D4226, the mean failure height is not less than 7.5 inches (19.05 cm).

25. (Amended) An article which includes a substrate and a capstock material prepared from a thermoplastic composition as described in Claim 1.

26. (Amended) An article according to Claim 19 wherein said capstock layer or material has a thickness of less than 200 μm .

27. (New) A method of forming an article which comprises shaping a melt-processable thermoplastic composition according to Claim 11 in order to form said article.

28. (New) An article which includes a substrate and a capstock material prepared from a thermoplastic composition as described in Claim 11.

29. (New) An article which includes a substrate and a capstock material prepared from a thermoplastic composition as described in Claim 24.

30. (New) An article according to Claim 24 wherein said capstock layer or material has a thickness of less than 200 μm .

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